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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: BETTY ALLEN, MEZZO-SOPRANO

REF: LISBON 7606

1. DEPT. WILLING SHARE FUNDING OF BETTY ALLEN'S APPEARANCES
IN PORTUGAL BUT NEEDS CLARIFY SEVERAL MATTERS.

2. IN ALL PROBABILITY PORTUGAL WILL BE FIRST STOP FROM
U.S. THEREFORE IF ALLEN DEPARTS U.S. MARCH 8 WILL NEED
MARCH 9 TO RECOVER FROM JET LAG. THEREFORE ADDITIONAL
PER DIEM INVOLVED.

3. ALLEN CONCERNED ABOUT SINGING IN OPORTO MARCH 10;
TRAVELLING TO AZORES AND SINGING ON MARCH 11 AND RETURNING
TO OPORTO FOR CONCERT MARCH 13. CAN CONCERTS ON 11 AND 13
BE REVERSED? CAN POST PAY 6 DAYS PER DIEM INSTEAD OF FOUR?
ARE ANY LISBON APPEARANCES POSSIBLE?

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4. NO ACCOMPANIST HAS BEEN SELECTED AS YET. ALLEN'S
TOUR PLANS NOT SET SINCE SHE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT OSLO
CONCERTS ARE FOR 1977 NOT 1976. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE
ON PAYMENT FOR ACCOMPANIST AT LATER DATE. WILL PROBABLY
BE PICKED UP FROM EUROPEAN CITY. CAN AMEMBASSY LISBON

FIND SUITABLE PIANIST?

5. HAS CONFIRMED DATE IN NEWCASTLE ENGLAND ON MARCH 20.
MUST BE BACK IN U.S. MARCH 26.

6. IN REPLYING QUESTIONS PARA. 3 ALSO ADVISE LENGTH OF
TIME AND METHOD OF TRAVEL OPORTO TO AZORES. KISSINGER

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